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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,959,260 (Hoghoghi). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

The Hoghoghi reference deals with methods for entering handwriting input into a cellular appliance. The reference, however, is fitted to incorporate "a recognition engine which has a comparator and a corrector. . . The handwritten characters generated (traced or written) on the digitizer are retrieved by the recognition engine. For example, the retrieved handwritten characters are compared with a template of a plurality of characters, numbers, etc. stored in the memory for generating readable characters." (col. 4 line 54 – col. 5 line 3). Applicant respectfully notes that the Hoghoghi reference teaches only one template or library for recognizing characters. Therefore, the reference does not teach "different reference librar[ies]."

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Applicants respectfully yet vigorously disagree with the Office action, in which the Examiner stated that the memory (col. 4 lines 1-12) teaches a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library. These controls are not in any way related to handwriting recognition. For example, control unit 540 does not manipulate the recognition engine, but merely controls a keypad 518 and a display unit 520.

It will be noted, for example, that the software control (col. 8 line 31-36) and hardware control (col. 6 line 44-49) pointed to by the Examiner with reference to dependent claims 2 and 3 do not show a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library. Rather, the controls pointed to by the Examiner are merely for the purpose of recognizing handwriting.

Therefore, the reference does not teach activating different libraries, and consequently, it does not teach "a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library" as recited in claim 1. Moreover, nothing in Hoghooghi would suggest to modify the reference to include a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library. Claim 1 is therefore deemed to be allowable. Claims 2-7, which depend from claim 1 are also deemed to be allowable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-7.

Claims 8-16, which also recite "a plurality of activable controls each being associated with a different reference library", are likewise allowable over the prior art of record for the reasons provided above.

Applicant further respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claim 17. In particular, Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's statement that Hoghooghi teaches selecting at least one character set from among a plurality of character sets. The Examiner pointed to Hoghooghi at col. 2 lines 36-48. However, these lines merely state that a character may be written in a digitized area. While the Hoghooghi reference mentions that there may be different handwritten characters, such as digits and numbers (col. 2 lines 36-48), there is no mention of different character sets, and certainly no mention of selecting from such character sets. Thus, there is no teaching in Hoghooghi for "selecting at least one character set from among a plurality of character sets." Nor is there any suggestion to modify Hoghooghi to do so. Accordingly, claim 17 is allowable over the prior art of record.

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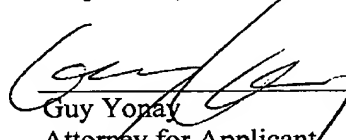
Insofar as the Examiner analyzed claim 18 similarly to claim 17, the above holds true for claim 18. Accordingly, claim 18 is deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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